THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Government of India has been participating in the International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) sponsored by International Labour Organisation. Under the Programme assistance is provided mostly to non-governmental Organisations for undertaking programmes relating to child labour. For the two biennia 1992-93 and 1994-95, the allocation for India under IPEC was US$ 3.65 million (over Rs.10 crores). Altogether 89 projects with an outlay of Rs.8.5 crores have been approved and are at different stages of implementation. The Implementation of the programme is reviewed by a National Steering Committee consisting of representatives of the Government of India and ILO. The Labour Secretary, Ministry of Labour is the Chairman of the National Steering Committee.

The total number of children covered under the scheme, Stage-wise are as under:—

STATES	COVERAGE (No. of children)
Uttar Pradesh	2189
Orissa	1500
Tamil Nadu	5610
Andhra Pradesh	11715%
Bihar	240
Karnataka	1320
West Bengal	18065
Maharashtra	1750
Gujarat	950
Delhi	3900
Madhya Pradesh	500
Rajasthan	5850
Manipur	500
Regional	525
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The objectives under IPEC which are sought to be achieved through its various projects in the country are:

(i) Enhancement of the capability of ILO constituents and Non-Government Organisations to design, implement and evaluate programmes for Child Labour Elimination;

(ii) To identify interventions at community and national levels which could serve as models for replication; and

(iii) Creation of awareness and social mobilisation for securing elimination of Child Labour.

Verification of Membership of Bhartiya Majoodr Sangh

839. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 785 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the final verification of the membership of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh has been finalised; and

(b) if so, result of the verification?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Coal by TNEB

840. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has been permitted to import coal; and

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing import of coal worth Rs.400 crores in valuable foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal can be freely imported under present Export and Import Policy and as such there is no need for any licence/permission from Government of India for its import.

With the reduction in import duty from 85% to 35% some power houses particu-

larly those located in the coastal areas may resort to import of coal. However, the actual import of coal, if any, are to be made by power stations themselves considering their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement.

Committee for examining washeries of CCLO

841. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was constituted to examine the working of coal washeries which are under control of Central Coal Washeries Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) An expert committee had examined the working of ten existing washeries including the four coal washeries of Central Coal Washeries Organisation (CCWO) and submitted its report in 1986. This Committee had recommended modernisation of some of the washeries by installation of deshaling plants, addition of fire coal circuits and introduction of instrumentation and automation equipment. Another Technical Group constituted by the Government for preparing an action plan for reducing dependence on coking coal imports also studied the working of existing washeries including CCWO washeries and submitted its report in May, 1993. Some of the main recommendations of the Group are:

(i) early completion of the modernisation scheme suggested by the earlier Committee.

(ii) arrangement for uninterrupted supply of power to washeries.

(iii) introduction of maintenance and annual health check of washeries.

(iv) augmentation of raw coal supply etc.

Sanctioning of Money in MPs Local Area Development Scheme in Bihar

842: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the MPs from Bihar to whom the money under the MPs Local Area Development fund has not been fully earmarked for the year 1994-95 i.e. the scheme of Rupees one crore has not yet been given or sanctioned under the scheme;

(b) what are the reasons for this delay; and

(c) what is being done to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The funds under MPLADS for the year 1994-95 for all the MPs of Bihar State have been released.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Management Structure of Super Bazar

843. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Expert Committees have recommended comprehensive changes in management structure of Super Bazar;

(b) if so, what are the names of the various Committees together with the details of recomendations made by them;

(c) whether any changes have been made by Government in the management structure of Super Bazar; and